

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior claim listings:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~method-system~~ according to claim ~~[[17]]~~24, wherein said IC card ~~has stores said specific information used for generating which is used to generate~~ said digital signature data.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~method-system~~ according to claim 21, wherein said specific information includes personal information of the user.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~method-system~~ according to claim 22 wherein said personal information includes a user name and a bank account number of the user.

24. (Currently Amended) A system for collecting a fee for a service of a service provider comprising:

~~means for receiving a~~ request receiving unit which receives a request from said service provider to collect the fee from a user, said request including the amount of the fee;

~~means for receiving an~~ IC card receiving unit which receives an IC card from the user, said IC card including service request data and digital signature data stored thereon, said IC card receiving unit being a physical device configured to read information stored on said IC card;

~~means for reading a~~ reading unit associate with said IC card receiving unit which reads said service request data and said digital signature data stored on said IC card;

~~means for determining a~~ determining unit which determines whether said service request data and said digital signature data are valid, said determining unit being a physical unit configured to conduct an electronic comparison being different items of electronic data; and

~~means for calculating a calculating unit which calculates~~ the fee using the service request data on said IC card when it is determined that said service request data and said digital signature data are valid;

~~collecting the fee from the user;~~

wherein,

said service request data ~~recorded~~ is stored on said IC card in a physical way ~~cannot be modified such that it cannot be modified using only a read and write process of a computer program,~~ and

said digital signature data is a function of said service request data.

25. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein said IC card is connectable can be coupled to a user terminal, and ~~the user sends~~ said service request data and said digital signature data stored in said IC card are sent to the service provider by submitting after said IC card is presented to said user terminal.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)